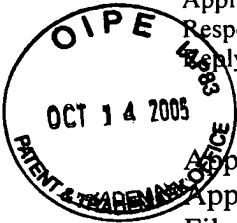


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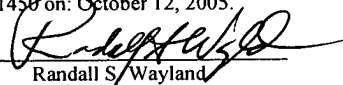
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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action dated 09/23/2005, in the above-captioned application, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement identifying the following groups of claims as being drawn to potentially distinct inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of making alumina cement, classified in class 106, subclass 692.

Group II. Claims 16-21, drawn to a method of making ceramic honeycomb, classified in class 264, subclass 60+.

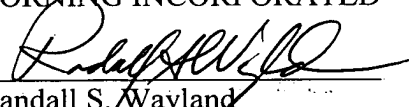
Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group II, upon which claims 16-21 read, without traverse.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicants be in error, Applicants respectfully request the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Response timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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